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June 13, 1957

Mr. Omar Baca, General Secretary  
International Transport Workers' Federation  
French Railwayman's Federation  
9 rue Cadet  
Paris 9, France

Dear Brother Becu:

As conveyed to you by cable today, I will not be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting in Paris, beginning June 17.

The reports which come to me through various communications media concerning contemplated action of the Executive Committee to consider removing me from its membership, are deeply disturbing to me. It is my earnest hope, and I should like to specifically request, that no action of judgment be taken in the instance of my case and my membership on the Executive Committee until an opportunity is afforded me to personally meet with you and my co-members.

This, I am certain, can be arranged in the next several months and it is my sincere conviction that my colleagues will have a much more accurate understanding of conditions, once I have had this opportunity. I shall appreciate your consideration and your acknowledgment of my cable and this letter.

With warmest personal regards to you and associates,

Fratemally yours,

DB:aw  
cc Tom Yates

Dave Bech

FROM THE OFFICE OF  
DAVE BECH, GENERAL PRESIDENT  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS  
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Mr. Omer Becu, Gen. Secretary June 13, 1957  
to International Transport Workers  
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French Railwaymen's Federation, 9 rue Cadet, Paris, France  
Will be unable attend Paris meeting Executive group. Am  
disturbed over press reports and request judgment of me  
and any contemplated action by Board be held in abeyance  
until opportunity within few months to personally discuss  
situation with you and Executive Board members. Warmest  
regards. Letter following.

Dave Beck

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May 6, 1957

Mr. Omar Becu, General Secretary  
International Transport Workers' Federation  
Merittima House  
London, S. W. 4, England

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your cablad advice that the Executive Committee of the ITF will meet on June 17 and 18 at the French Railway-men's Federation, 9 rue Cadet in Paris. I shall be able to take care of my own hotel reservations and look forward with pleasure to seeing you next month.

Kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

DB:aw  
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International Transport Workers' Federation

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13th May, 1957.

To the members of the Executive Committee

Dear Friends,

/ We are enclosing the agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Paris, at the office of the affiliated French Railwaymen's Federation (Fédération des Cheminots), 9 rue Cadet, Paris 9, from 17th to 19th June, inclusive, starting on the 17th at 10 a.m.

Further documents relating to the meeting will follow in due course.

Yours fraternally,

General Secretary.

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Executive Committee of the I.T.F.

17 to 19 June 1957. Paris

(at the office of the French Railwaymen's Federation,  
(Fédération des Cheminots), 9 rue Cadet, Paris 9)

A G E N D A

Opening: 17 June, 10 a.m.

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Report on activities, December 1956 to April 1957
3. Financial report 1956
4. Applications for affiliation
5. Requests for assistance
6. General Secretary's report on African tour
7. Report of Subcommittee on Regional Activities
8. Representation of small countries at biennial congress
9. Cooperation between I.C.F.T.U. and International Trade Secretariats
10. Appointment of Executive Committee member for the African region
11. Appointment of delegation to I.C.F.T.U. Congress
12. Dispute between French transport workers' organizations
13. International agreement for legal assistance to motor drivers abroad
14. Coordination of European transport
15. O.E.E.C.'s Seminar on Labour Productivity in Ports
16. Invitations
17. Any other business



# International Transport Workers' Federation

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3rd May, 1957.

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To the Members of the Executive Committee

Dear Friends,

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in London from 7th to 9th January, last.

We apologize for sending these to you later than usual, due to pressure of work at the Secretariat.

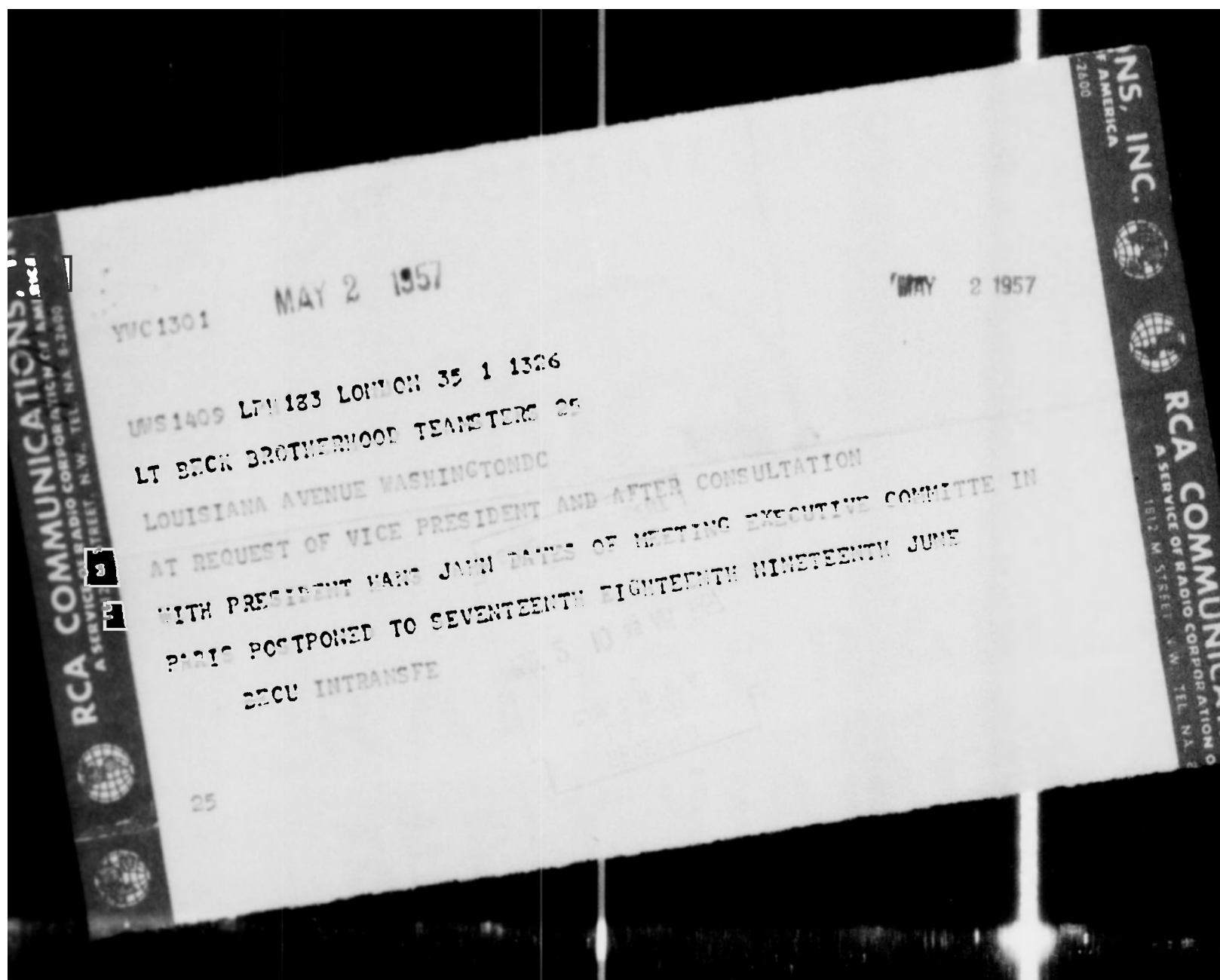
Yours sincerely,

General Secretary.

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To Omer Becu

Apr. 29, 1957

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Acknowledging your cable April 26, I will attend

Executives Committee meeting June 6 in Paris.

Dave Beck

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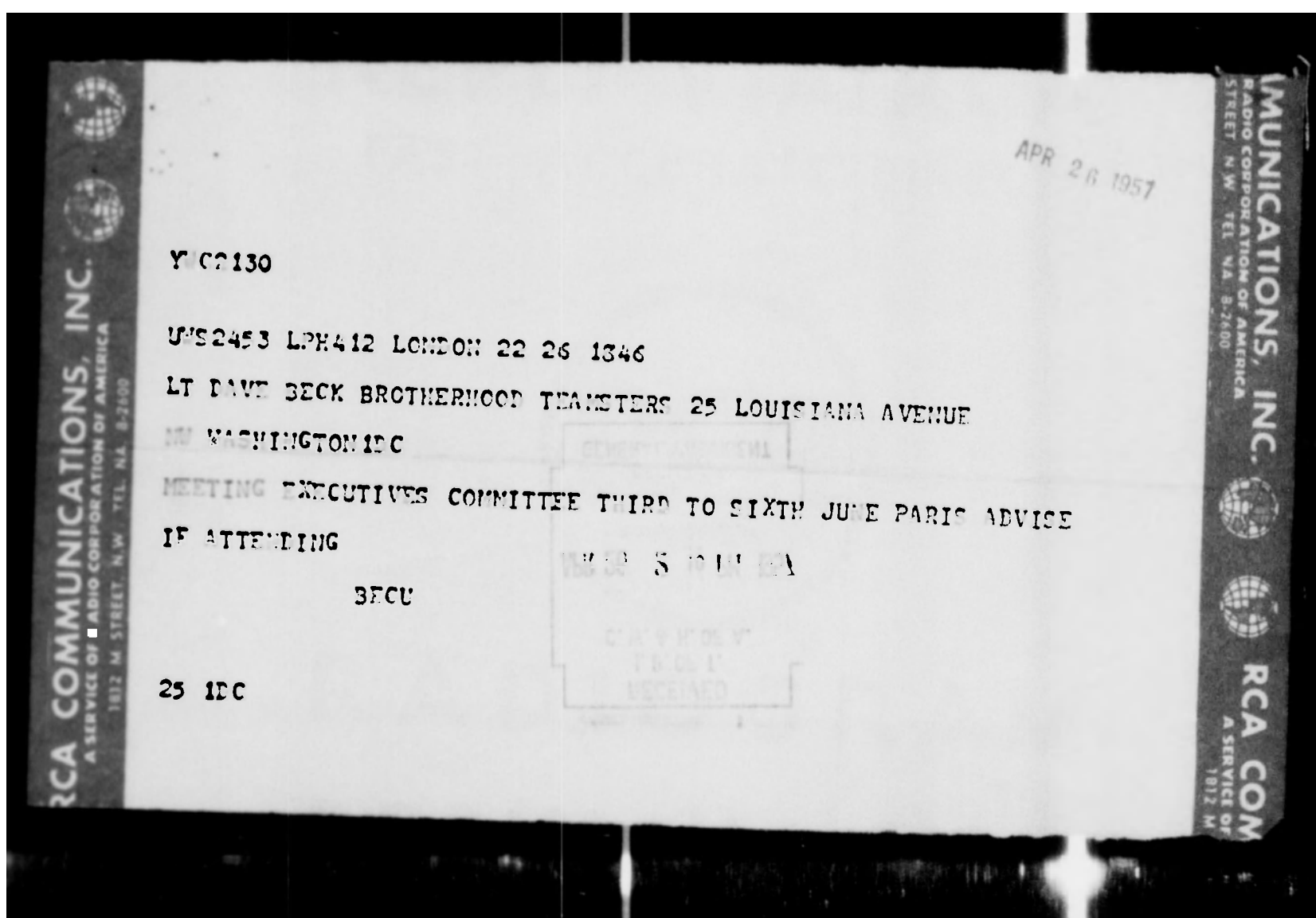
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8th April, 1957.

To the members of the Executive Committee

Dear Friends,

We have pleasure in informing you that it has now been agreed with our French friends that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Paris from 3rd to 5th June as previously announced.

The agenda and further documents relating to the meeting will be sent to you as soon as possible.

In order to be able to book hotel accommodation well in time, since Paris is always very crowded in summer, we should like to hear from you:

- (a) whether you wish us to book accommodation;
- (b) if so, whether you would wish a single or double room, with or without a bath, and from what date.

The meeting will be held at the headquarters of the affiliated French Railwaymen's Federation, 9 rue Cadet, Paris 9.

Kindly let us hear from you at your earliest opportunity whether we can count on your presence at the meeting and on what date you intend to arrive in Paris.

Yours fraternally,

General Secretary.

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Circular No. 8/It1

15th February, 1957.

To affiliated unions concerned

Dear Friends,

I.T.F. Meeting, Hamburg, March 1957

In connection with the sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee of the I.L.C., which opens in Hamburg on Monday, 11 March next, a preliminary meeting of delegates and advisers from ITF-affiliated unions attending on that occasion will be held on:

8, 9 and, if necessary, 10th March 1957, at  
Goethestrasse 57 Rosenbinderhof, Hamburg.

The first day of the I.T.F. meeting, Friday, 8th March, will be devoted to dockers' questions. On the second day, Saturday, 9th March, questions affecting railwaymen and road transport workers will be discussed. If necessary, the groups will be able to continue their discussions on the third day.

Certain questions affecting inland navigation and civil aviation are also touched upon in the documentation of the Inland Transport Committee. These will be covered as shown in the attached agendas.

You are hereby invited to attend such part or parts of the I.T.F. meeting as interest the representatives of your union.

It will also be necessary to discuss certain procedural matters affecting all participants in the Inland Transport Committee. Arrangements for joint discussion of these matters, as well as of one or two matters affecting more than one group, will be made on the spot.

Finally, we would draw attention to the question of hotel reservations. Arrangements for hotel accommodation for the duration of the Inland Transport Committee are being made, we understand, through the respective governments. It will, of course, be necessary for participants in the I.T.F. meeting to arrange for additional accommodation, and to avoid confusion we suggest that this should be done through the channel making the original reservations.

We shall be obliged if you will advise or confirm, as the case may be, your intention to attend the I.T.F. meeting, specifying on which dates your representatives will be present.

Yours fraternally,

General Secretary.

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Circular No. 4/42

25th January, 1957.

To affiliated organizations

Dear Friends,

Following the decision taken by the I.T.F. Vienna Congress to extend the Executive Committee by four additional members from regions outside Europe, letters were sent to all affiliated organizations in the regions concerned, asking for nominations.

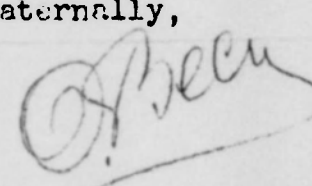
On the basis of the nominations received, the meeting of the Executive Committee held from 7th to 9th January discussed the matter and appointed the following three additional members:

For the Asian region	J.D. Randeri, General Secretary, National Maritime Union of India.
For the Latin American region:	Syndulho de Azavedo Pequeno, President, Confederation of Transport Workers of Brazil.
For the North American region:	Dave Beck, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters of America.

As far as the African region is concerned, it was decided to leave the matter in suspense. The Executive Committee instructed the General Secretary to make a tour of Africa and report to its next meeting, after having established contacts with the organizations concerned and made investigations on the spot.

You will be informed at a later date of the final decision taken in connection with the African region.

Yours fraternally,

  
General Secretary.

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Annex to Circular No. 8/It1  
of 15th February 1957

I.T.F. Meeting. 8th to 10th March 1957, Hamburg

Agenda for the first day, Friday, 8th March

Opening: 10 a.m.

1. Dockers' questions mentioned in the General Report to the Inland Transport Committee:
  - (a) Regularization of employment
  - (b) Vocational training
  - (c) Welfare facilities
  - (d) Protection against grain dust
  - (e) Safety and Hygiene
  - (f) Transport and handling of dangerous goods
  - (g) Inter-port competition
  - (h) Limitation of loads carried by one man
  - (i) Marking of weight on loads
2. Methods of improving organization of work and output in port
3. Inland navigation questions mentioned in the General Report to the Inland Transport Committee:
  - (a) Social security and working conditions in Rhine shipping
  - (b) Employment of women in inland shipping
  - (c) Working conditions in inland craft in Asia and the Far East

Agenda for the second day, Saturday, 9th March

Opening: 10 a.m.

1. Railwaymen's questions mentioned in the General Report to the Inland Transport Committee:
  - (a) The situation on the railways
  - (b) Incentives and rewards for railwaymen
  - (c) Safety and health
  - (d) Labour problems arising from the coordination of transport
  - (e) Prevention of accidents during coupling of railway vehicles and similar operations
2. Road transport questions mentioned in the General Report to the Inland Transport Committee:
  - (a) Labour problems arising from the coordination of transport
  - (b) Provisions concerning conditions of employment to be inserted in the standard set of rules for international passenger and goods transport in Europe
  - (c) Conditions of employment in road transport
  - (d) Hours of work and of rest in road transport
  - (e) Social security for workers engaged in international road transport
  - (f) Legal protection of employed drivers against civil law claims arising out of employment
  - (g) Training of drivers
3. Labour inspection in road transport
4. Civil aviation questions mentioned in the General Report to the Inland Transport Committee:

Conditions of employment in civil aviation

Additional business (to be discussed jointly on second or third day)

1. Procedural matters at the Inland Transport Committee
2. Matters concerning more than one inland transport industry



**International Transport Workers' Federation**

10th January, 1957

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Teamsters,  
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Transport Workers'  
Federation

Dear Friend

Dear Brother Beck,

As you have probably noticed in the past, we like to introduce new members of the Executive Committee to the readers of the ITF Journal. We want to do this at the earliest opportunity and would appreciate your letting us have some biographical notes and a photograph of yourself as soon as possible.

I am happy to inform you and your Executive that Dave Beck's election to the Executive Committee has been announced.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

As Chairman of the Executive Committee, I am more than pleased to see your great Organisation taking its rightful position in the councils of the most important world transport group, and I look forward to the time when we can have our Council Meetings in the United States, in order that our international figures can meet up with members of your Executive.

*O. Beck*

Kind regards and best wishes,

Yours  
General Secretary.

*Tom Jones*  
GENERAL SECRETARY

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## NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN

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General Secretary: T YATES CBE  
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10th January 1957.

Mr. Einar O. Mohn,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters of America,  
25, Louisiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Friend,

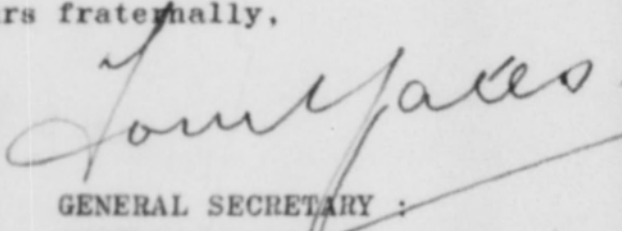
Enclosed please find the Press Statement issued immediately following the election of the three additional members of the I.T.F. Executive Committee, together with some photographs of the final session of the Executive Board. You will see from these photographs that Dave was present.

I am happy to inform you and your Executive that Dave Beck's election to the policy-making body was unanimous.

As Chairman of the Management Committee, I am more than pleased to see your great Organisation taking its rightful position in the counsels of the most important world-transport group, and I look forward to the time when we can hold one of our Council Meetings in the United States, in order that some of our international figures can meet up with members of your Executive Board.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

  
GENERAL SECRETARY :



*General President Beck Attends  
Meeting of Executive Committee  
Of Six-Million-Member Body*

## ITF STEPS UP AID TO WORLD'S UNIONS

*(See also General President's letter, page 2)*

A stepped up program of assistance to the trade union efforts in the developing countries of the world, with special emphasis on transport workers, is being undertaken by the International Transportworkers Federation. This new program is being accelerated by the 6,000,000-member world organization as the result of implementing action by the ITF Executive Committee in London last month.

The ITF has 165 affiliated organizations in 55 countries and includes seven industrial sections: railwaymen, road transport workers, inland waterway workers, dockers, seafarers, fishermen and civil aviation workers.

One of the major steps taken by the ITF in January was formal action enlarging the Executive Committee by four members in order to give additional representation to North America, Latin America, Asia and Africa. This action had been authorized by convention action at the Vienna congress held last July.

Three of the four newly authorized members of the committee were appointed. The appointment of the member from Africa was postponed until Omer Becu, general secretary of the ITF, makes further studies in the area of the problem of African transport trade union organization.

General President Dave Beck was appointed to the Executive Committee

as a member from North America. Already on the committee from this continent is A. E. Lyon, executive secretary of the Railway Labor Executives Association. Mr. Beck was notified of his appointment in London and was invited to sit in the sessions of the Executive Committee. He will continue as a participant in the sessions during his tenure as a member of that body.

In an effort to give wide representation to the developing areas of the world the ITF named to its Execu-

tive Committee J. D. Randeni of India and Syndulphi de Azevedo Pequeno of Brazil.

These two appointees are outstanding leaders in their countries and on their continents. Mr. Randeni is general secretary of the Maritime Union of India. This organization represents masters, navigators, engineers and radio officers of the merchant marine. In addition to his activities in the maritime industry, Mr. Randeni is known generally as an able and forthright trade union leader in India.

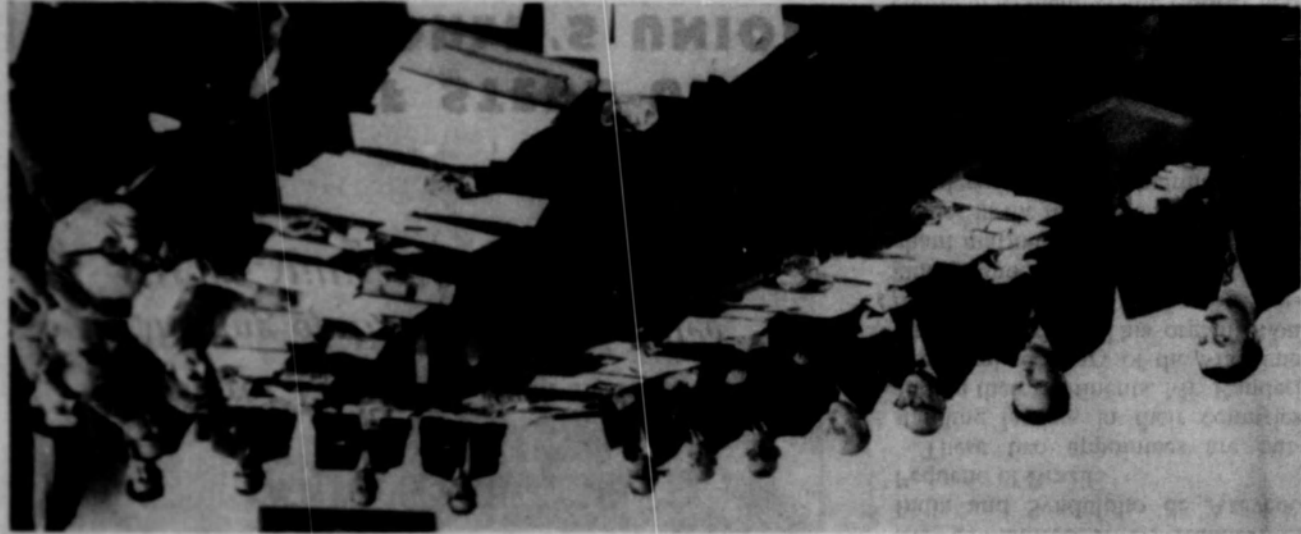
Mr. Pequeno is president of the Brazilian Federation of Land Transport Workers. This federation includes in its membership railway and road and passenger transport workers. Mr. Pequeno is not only well known in South America but he serves as a member of the governing body of the International Labor Organization.

Appointment of the new members and the implementation of the program for developing authorized by the Vienna congress was one of the highlights of the January committee session. The next session of the Executive Committee will be held in June, 1957.

The committee is the chief governing body of the ITF (along with the larger body, the Executive Council) between congresses which are held every two years. The next congress



AT ITF SESSION—General President Dave Beck (center) is shown sitting in at his first meeting of the International Transportworkers' Federation Executive Committee to which he was elected last month. At his right is Tom Yates of the British Seamen and at his left is the other North American union representative, A. E. Lyon, executive secretary, Railway Labor Executives' Association, Washington, D. C.



ITF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is in session in London. Shown above are members of the ITF Executive Committee at a quarterly session at the headquarters of the world agency. General President Beck is on left side of table, second from left end. The top officers of the ITF are at far end of room with General Secretary (center Beck) with glasses, left and President H. Jahn at his immediate left.

"The ultimate aim is the speediest possible development of such offices into a network of full-fledged regional organizations operating under the auspices of the ITF, with the unions in the regions directly affiliated with the ITF and playing their full part in determining the principles and policies of our Federation on a world-wide basis."

With trade unions as special targets of political and ideological missionary efforts by the Communist Party in all parts of the world, the ITF is in a position to provide guidance to the developing countries in the task of achieving better wages, shorter hours and improved conditions.

General Secretary Beck, in a report to the ITF, outlined the steps to be taken in this program, saying: "The first step proposed is that delegations and missions should, as far as financial resources permit, be sent to appropriate regions to discuss needs and possibilities with local trade unionists. This should be followed up, as soon as possible, by conferences on a regional basis designed to bring the local unions into closer contact with one another and to strengthen their relationship with the ITF."

#### PROGRAM OUTLINED

Officials of Teamster Local 543 and of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters last month signed a contract with officials of Frankfort, Ind. Mayor Kenneth S. Power of Frankfort; Frank S. Pryor (standing), union officer; and Ernie Jones, Teamster, provided in the contract of the first unit in Indiana to join a union agreement covers workers in the following departments: Parks, sanitation, garbage and streets. Included in the pact are provisions for seven paid holidays, seniority by department, holiday premium pay, vacation pay, and up to four weeks paid vacation per year for 20-year men.

#### Hoosier City Signs IBT Contract

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FOR RELEASE: JANUARY 9, 1954

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION ELECT DAVE BECK MEMBER OF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dave Beck, General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the International Transport Workers Federation.

The election took place in London and Mr. Beck was notified Tuesday, January 5, of formal action of the Executive Committee in a letter from Omar Becu, president of the 6,000,000 member world organization of transport trade unions. Mr. Beck was invited to attend the remainder of the sessions of the ITF Executive Committee which are being held at the world headquarters of the organization this week.

Approval of the enlargement of the Executive Committee was taken Monday at the opening session of the group in London. The additions include new representatives from the Asian, Latin American and North American continents. The decision stems from an amendment to the ITF constitution passed by the 24th biennial congress of the organization in Vienna, Austria, last July.

This action empowered the Executive Committee to add four additional members in order to widen the scope of ITF membership. Mr. Beck was named from the North American continent. The union he heads, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, pays a per capita tax to the ITF on 500,000 members.

The ITF is an organization of 6,000,000 members with 165 affiliated organizations in 55 countries. The organization was founded in London in 1896 and includes sections on railwaymen, road transport workers, inland



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mastermy workers, dockers, smelterers, fishermen and civil engineers  
workers. Oscar Bacu is president and E. John is general secretary.

Foreign affairs have claimed a major share of Mr. Bach's  
attention since he became general president of the Teamsters in December  
1952. He has made several trips abroad since becoming president and  
has been active in participating in activities affecting international  
cooperation by American trade unions.

Mr. Bach, in addition to heading the Teamsters, is a vice  
president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial  
Organizations.



Executive Committee of the I.T.F.  
Meeting from 7 to 9 January 1957. London

M I N U T E S

The meeting was attended, in whole or in part, by the following:

H. Jahn, President	
P. Cousins, Vice-President (1)	
E. Borg (2)	)
H. Döby	)
I. Haugen	) Members
H. J. Kanne	)
P. Laurent	)
A. E. Lyon	)
O. Becu, General Secretary	

Also present:

I. Yates, Chairman of the Management Committee  
 H. Imhof, Secretary of the Railwaymen's and Road Transport Workers' Sections  
 L. White, Special Officer, Special Seafarers' Section (3)  
 D. Beck, co-opted member (4)

FIRST DAY - 7 JANUARY 1957 - MORNING

1. Opening

The PRESIDENT, in opening the meeting, regretted the absence of two members, R. Dekoyeur and A. Thaler, owing to illness. It was decided to send telegrams wishing them a speedy recovery.

It was also decided to send a telegram to the affiliated Austrian unions expressing sympathy at the decease of the President of the Austrian Republic, Dr. Körner, who had once been a trade unionist and had always shown great goodwill towards the trade union movement.

2. Agenda

The agenda of the meeting (Doc. 29 EC-1) was accepted.

3. Minutes of 27th and 28th meetings (Agenda-item 1)

The Minutes of the 27th and 28th meetings of the Executive Committee (Docs. 27 EC-10 and 28 EC-1) were approved, subject to the following matters being further considered in connection with agenda-item 8:

- (a) Appointment of a small committee to plan and organize the regional activities of the I.T.F. in a systematic manner.

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| (1) Morning of first day | (2) Afternoon of first day onwards |
| (3) Second day           | (4) Third day                      |

- (b) Conversion of the £3 regional fund donation into a regular payment.
- (c) Appointment of an officer to take charge of regional activities at the Secretariat.

4. Co-optation of additional E.C. members (Agenda-item 5)

In connection with nominations received for the additional E.C. seats created at the Vienna Congress (Doc. 29 EC-5) it was specially noted that, in principle, membership of the Executive Committee should be based on personal merit and on the value of the services which members could render to the I.T.F. On the other hand, the need for a balanced representation of the industrial sections, as well as the geographical regions of which the I.T.F. is made up, should also be borne in mind.

(a) Africa

Nominations had been received from the Gold Coast (Ghana), Mauritius, Nigeria, and South Africa. The Executive Committee felt that it was unable to make a choice and that an attempt should be made to get the unions of the region to put forward an agreed nomination.

When discussing the African countries further, later in the meeting, in connection with under-developed regions, and a plan for the General Secretary to pay a visit to Africa, it was agreed that such a visit would present an opportunity to discuss the question of a seat on the Executive Committee with the African unions on the spot.

Meanwhile, the seat was left unfilled.

(b) Asia

Nominations had been received from four countries of the region. Two came from countries with very small memberships. From a third country, Japan, candidates had been put forward by two different unions. It was very difficult for the Executive Committee to make a choice between the latter without risking an affront to one organization or the other, and it therefore seemed better to elect neither. The remaining nomination came from the Maritime Union of India. This was an officers' organization which had been a loyal member of the I.T.F. over a period of years and whose candidate was well known to the General Secretary and several members of the Executive Committee. Consequently, the choice for the Asian seat on the Executive Committee fell to J.D. Randori.

(c) Latin America and Caribbean area

Nominations had been received from seven countries in the region: Brazil, British Honduras, Cuba, Ecuador, Grenada, Mexico, and Panama.

It was agreed to allocate a seat on the Executive Committee to the nominee of the Confederacao Nacional dos Trabalhadores em Transportes Terrestres (Inland Transport Workers) of Brazil, S. de A. Pequena.

(d) North America

Three nominations had been received from affiliated unions in this region: Canadian Railwaymen, U.S. Teamsters, and American Flight Engineers. Considering the fact that the organization was now affiliated and paid dues on a figure in keeping with its membership, considering the desirability of the road transport workers of North America being represented on the Executive Committee, and considering the increased interest shown by the organization in I.T.F. affairs, it was decided to allocate one of the additional Executive Committee seats to the candidate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Dave Beck.

FIRST DAY - 7 JANUARY 1957 - AFTERNOON

5. Report on Activities (Agenda-item 2)

The Report on Activities for the period July-November 1956 (Doc. 29 EC-2) was dealt with paragraph by paragraph. It was approved after the following matters had been disposed of:

(a) Singapore Seamen

On the basis of the report on the situation of the seamen's movement at Singapore and the need to end the existing confusion and multiplicity of organizations there, the General Secretary was given authority to assign someone to follow up the work already done at Singapore by the Asian Regional Officer of the I.T.F., Brother Soares.

(b) European transport

H.J. KANNE considered that the plans for a common market and free trade area in Europe made the question of integration of European transport more urgent, and therefore suggested that the I.T.F. committee of experts should now apply itself to this aspect of the problem rather than concentrate exclusively on that of the coordination of transport.

H. IMHOF said that it was a matter of time. The importance of integration was appreciated, but the coordination of transport had to be considered first. The I.T.F. committee of experts felt that it was better to make a good job of the question of coordination before embarking on that of the integration of transport.

After H.J. KANNE had repeated that in his opinion it was not necessary to deal in detail with the question of coordination before taking up the implications of European integration, it was agreed that the next conference of the Railwaymen's Section should receive a further report on the coordination of transport and a provisional report on the integration of transport.

(c) Date and place of next Railwaymen's Conference

It was agreed that the time and place of the next conference of the Railwaymen's Section should be



decided at the meeting of the Board of Directors in London. A town in Germany was mentioned as the probable site for the conference.

(d) Civil Aviation

Arising out of the report on the unsuccessful outcome of the bipartite conference on civil aviation held under the auspices of the I.L.O. in December 1956, the Executive Committee decided to adopt a resolution protesting against the attitude of the employers' representatives on that occasion and requesting the I.L.O. to arrange for a tripartite conference to discuss the international social problems of the civil aviation industry. (See appendix for the full text of the resolution adopted.)

#### 6. I.T.S. General Conference

The GENERAL SECRETARY gave a supplementary report on a General Conference of the I.T.S. held in Brussels in October 1956, which had discussed the continuation of support for the regional activities programme of the I.C.F.T.U. and the I.C.F.T.U.-I.T.S. Liaison Committee. He recalled that at the 27th meeting of the Executive Committee, it had been agreed to discontinue the I.T.S. contribution to the Regional Activities Fund of the I.C.F.T.U. until such time as it developed a more satisfactory policy and programme in this field. At the I.T.S. Conference nothing was suggested for improvement, and consequently the General Secretary of the I.T.S. together with practically all the other I.T.S. had voted against an appeal of the I.C.F.T.U. that I.T.S. support of the I.C.F.T.U. Regional Activities Fund should be continued. Meanwhile, certain I.T.S. were in favour of discontinuing the I.C.F.T.U.-I.T.S. Liaison Committee, on the grounds that the General Conference of the I.T.S. was sufficient for Liaison purposes. The GENERAL SECRETARY of the I.T.S. did not favour such a course, but considered that an opportunity should be given for the I.C.F.T.U. to produce more effective plans for regional activities.

The Executive Committee approved the supplementary report.

#### 7. Financial Report (Appendix-Item 3)

The Provisional Financial Statement for 1956 and Budget for 1957 were approved, after some verbal comments had been made by the GENERAL SECRETARY.

The following points were noted:

- (a) It was desirable not to hold the first E.C. meeting of the year before the month of February, in order to give the Secretariat more time to produce financial information.
- (b) The New York Office would in future not be a separate budget item, and the remuneration of the I.T.S. representative in New York would be included in the item "Salaries and Allowances".
- (c) Executive Committee members would in future be supplied with an annual detailed statement showing the sums contributed by all affiliated unions in affiliation fees and donations to the various funds.

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8. Applications for affiliation (agenda-item 4)

(a) American Radio Association

This application had been under consideration since September 1956. The S.I.U. was still opposed to admission, but the N.M.U., which urged a decision in the matter, and all the other American unions, including the Radio Officers' Union of America, agreed to admitting the A.R.A. to the I.T.F. In view particularly of the fact that the A.R.A. and the S.I.U. both belonged to the A.F.L.-C.I.O., the Executive Committee decided to exercise its prerogative and to admit the A.R.A. to membership of the I.T.F.

(b) Irish Pilots' and Marine Officers' Association

The union was admitted to membership, subject to no objections being raised by the already-affiliated unions which were being consulted on the subject.

(c) Pan-Hellenic Marine Engineers

The affiliated Pan-Hellenic Seamen's Federation was opposed to admission on the following grounds: (i) the Marine Engineers used to belong to the P.S.F. but had disaffiliated as a result of differences of a personal nature; (ii) admission to the I.T.F. would reduce the prospects of the Marine Engineers rejoining the P.S.F.; (iii) admission into the I.T.F. was calculated to encourage further splits in the Greek trade union movement. The Executive Committee decided to reject the application.

(d) River and Maritime Workers, Colombia

The union was admitted to membership on an affiliation fee of \$10 per year.

(e) Uganda Railway African Union

The union was admitted to membership subject to receipt of a formal application for affiliation.

(f) Transport and Allied Workers, Tanganyika

The union was admitted to membership subject to receipt of a formal application for affiliation.

(g) Bus Drivers and Conductors, Mauritius

The union was admitted to membership.

(h) Dar es Salaam Dock Workers, Tanganyika

The union was admitted to membership.

(i) Malay Seamen, Penang

The union was admitted to membership, subject to receipt of a formal application for affiliation.



(j) Dock Mazdoor Union, Calcutta

According to information received, the union was under Communist influence. The application was therefore rejected.

(k) British Guiana Seafarers

The matter would be further considered after receipt of a formal application for affiliation.

(l) Turkish Seafarers

In view of the fact that government permission was required for international affiliations in Turkey, it was decided to defer further consideration until receipt of an official application for membership.

9. Criteria to be applied to requests for affiliation

(a) In future, applications for affiliation from organizations known to be associated with the W.F.T.U. will be automatically rejected without being brought before the Executive Committee.

(b) In the case of doubts regarding the bona fides of unions applying for membership, membership of or association with an I.C.F.T.U.-affiliated trade union centre will be used as a criterion.

(c) Where otherwise satisfactory credentials are available, however, membership of an I.C.F.T.U. centre will not be a necessary condition.

10. Belated nomination for regional seat on Executive Committee

Note was taken of a communication just received from the Mexico City Office of the I.T.F. to the effect that the Argentine railwaymen's organization "La Fraternidad" had now intimated its willingness to make a nomination for one of the additional members to be co-opted to the Executive Committee. As the decision in the matter had already been reached the previous day, it was too late to take this information into account.

11. I.C.F.T.U. International Solidarity Fund (Appendix item 6)

The Secretariat had submitted a note containing the suggestion that £4,000 of the money collected for the I.T.F. Fund for the Aid of Victims of Oppression should be transferred to the International Solidarity Fund of the I.C.F.T.U. With £1,000 previously transferred, this would bring the I.T.F.'s total contribution to the I.C.F.T.U. Fund to £5,000. Apart from this, a donation of \$1,000 of the N.M.U., specially earmarked for I.C.F.T.U. Hungarian relief, would be transferred.

At the previous meeting of the Executive Board of the I.C.F.T.U., the International Solidarity Fund had been converted into a multi-purpose fund. There was question, further, of the fund being used, to a certain extent, for other than relief purposes, namely, for work of an organizing or administrative character. Several members objected, but it was not clear whether or not the fund would be used in such a way.

In view of the fact that the Executive Committee was most anxious that the I.T.F. fund should be used strictly for relief ends, and the fact that a considerable volume of union donations were channelled to the I.C.F.T.U. through the National Centres anyway, it was decided not to make any further I.T.F. contributions to the I.C.F.T.U. fund. Instead, it was decided, on the basis of reports of extreme financial sacrifices made by the affiliated Austrian unions on behalf of Hungarian refugees: (a) that £4,000 should be earmarked for the Austrian Railwaymen's and Transport Workers' Unions, and (b) that the President and General Secretary of the I.T.F. should visit Vienna at the earliest possible date to discuss the allocation of the funds with the Austrian unions.

12. Establishment of African Regional Office (Agenda-item 7)

In view of the fact that the position with regard to the development of the transport workers' movement was still fluid in most countries of the African region, it was agreed to postpone further consideration of the proposal for establishing an African Regional Office of the I.T.F. until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, after the intended visit of the General Secretary to the region to study conditions on the spot.

SECOND DAY - 8 JANUARY 1957 - AFTERNOON

13. Regional activities (Agenda-item 8)

The position in the African region having been covered by the previous item, the GENERAL SECRETARY gave a verbal report on the regional activities of the I.T.F. in Asia and Latin America. After discussion, the following points were noted and decided:

- (a) that it had been made clear at the Vienna Congress that the increase in affiliation fees which was decided on on that occasion did not cover the £3 contribution to the Regional Activities Fund;
- (b) that unions would be advised of the view of the Executive Committee, based on the Vienna decision above mentioned and on the progress which was being made with regional work in regions like Latin America, that regional finance should be placed on a regular basis and that unions should make a regular contribution to regional funds on the basis of not less than £3 per thousand members per year;
- (c) that a small committee, composed of Cousins, Kanno, and Laurent, with Yates and Becu as ex officio members, would prepare a programme of regional activities;
- (d) that, in future, statements and accounts would be drawn up so as to show the contributions of affiliated unions to regional activities funds;

- (c) that consideration would be given to the engagement of Mr. Coutts, of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, to devote himself to the organization of regional activities at the Secretariat of the I.T.F.

14. I.T.F. campaign against flags of convenience (Agenda-item 9)

The Executive Committee had before it a report from the Fair Practices Committee on the position of the I.T.F. campaign against flags-of-convenience shipping. It referred to the discussion of the question at the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference of the I.L.O. in London in September-October 1956. That conference agreed on a draft resolution for transmission to the Plenary Maritime Conference of the I.L.O. to be held in 1958. The important feature of the draft resolution is that it urges that "the country of registration should accept the full obligation implied by registration and exercise effective control for the purposes of the safety and welfare of seafarers in its ships" and specifies a number of steps which should be taken to give effect to this requirement.

Note was taken of various allocations which a sub-committee of the Fair Practices Committee was recommending should be made from the International Seafarers' Welfare Fund built up by levies imposed upon shipowners under collective agreements concluded between I.T.F.-affiliated unions and flag-of-convenience ships, namely:

- (a) £2,500 to be allocated for use in connection with the International Seamen's Home in Antwerp;
- (b) £2,500 to be earmarked for seamen's welfare in Holland;
- (c) £2,500 to be earmarked for seamen's welfare in Germany;
- (d) £1,000 to be donated to the International Medical Radio Centre in Rome;
- (e) £500 for supplying four hoists for immobile patients at the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.

15. Date of Amsterdam Congress

It was decided that the dates for the next Biennial Congress of the I.T.F., to be held in Amsterdam, should be fixed at 23 July to 1 August 1958. The pre-Congress meeting of the Executive Committee would be convened for 21 and 22 July.

THIRD DAY - 9 JANUARY 1957 - MORNING

16. Transport workers' organizations and world events (Agenda-item 10)

The report of the Secretariat on the events of October-November 1956 in Hungary and on the action taken in connection therewith at various sectional conferences of the I.T.F. was approved (Doc. 29 EC-8).



The Executive Committee recorded special approval of the action taken by the General Secretary to render such support as was possible to the victims of Russian aggression and intervention in Hungary.

It was agreed that in case of future occurrences of this or a similar character, the I.T.F. should act as it thought fit, without reference to the I.C.F.T.U. H.J. KANNE made the reservation that he would have to consider such cases on their merits if they were of a general character and action was contemplated which ran counter to I.C.F.T.U. or National Centre policy.

Further, it was decided that discussion of the issues arising in connection with this matter should be continued at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. (cf. also Minute 11, page 6).

17. Requests for assistance (Agenda-item 11)

The following decisions were reached on Dec. 29 EC-9

(a) Rhodesia

The request of the Railway African Workers' Union, Rhodesia, for financial aid for organizing and propaganda work - a grant of £1,000 had already been made to this union previously - was deferred pending the proposed visit of the General Secretary to countries of the African region. Authority was given to the General Secretary to act at his discretion.

(b) Grenada

The request of the Grenada Seamen and Waterfront Workers' Union, for a loan to assist the acquisition of headquarters premises for the organization, was rejected. The Executive Committee considered that projects of this kind did not qualify for grants from the limited I.T.F. funds available for assistance purposes.

(c) Italian Seafarers' Federation

The request from this organization resulted from financial difficulties brought on by the failure of a large part of the membership to pay contributions. They were difficulties of a nature inherent in the Italian trade union movement. The Executive Committee considered it would be best to let things sort themselves out a little inside the union and to revert to the matter in due course.

(d) Mauritius

The request of the Mauritius Taxi Owners' Association for a loan in connection with plans for establishing a cooperative insurance company, was rejected on the grounds that this was also a type of project which did not qualify for financial aid from the I.T.F. point of view.

(e) Indonesia

The Indonesian Railwaymen's Union has been trying since the beginning of 1956 to finance a training visit



to Holland for four of its members. The approach had been made to the Dutch Federation of Trade Unions and the I.C.F.T.U., and the latter were in turn trying to interest the I.T.F. It was agreed that the I.T.F. should do what it could in the matter, alone or in conjunction with the Dutch Railwaymen's Union, in order to show goodwill towards the Indonesian union.

(f) Nigeria

It was agreed that the application of the Amalgamated Dock Workers of Nigeria and the Cameroons would be considered in the light of the General Secretary's findings during his coming visit to the African region.

18. Jurisdiction dispute in French road transport industry

It was noted that the position, resulting from the break-away of a group of transport workers from one affiliated union and its link up with another affiliated union in France, raised a constitutional issue as far as recognition by the I.T.F. was concerned. It was agreed to defer the matter until it had been considered by the Road Transport Workers' Section at its meeting the following month.

19. O.E.E.C.-E.P.A. seminar on labour productivity in ports

Note was taken of an approach of the European Productivity Agency of O.E.E.C. which requested the cooperation of the I.T.F. in connection with a seminar on labour productivity in the port industry. The Executive Committee expressed approval of the principle, agreed that the I.T.F. should make some contribution towards the costs, and recommended consultation with affiliated dockers' unions on the subject.

20. Loan for Section Secretary

The Executive Committee agreed in principle to the granting of a loan to the Secretary of the Railwaymen's and Road Transport Workers' Section, in connection with the purchase of a house in London. The details of the matter were delegated to the Management Committee.

21. New design for I.T.F. flag

Arising out of a discussion initiated by LYON, it was agreed that a new design was needed for the I.T.F. flag, more in keeping with the present-day composition and conceptions of the I.T.F.

22. Next meeting of Executive Committee

It was agreed in principle that meetings of the Executive Committee should take place in the months of February, June, and November. The dates for the next meeting were fixed at 3 to 5 June. The possibility of holding an Executive Committee meeting in the U.S.A. in the near future will be kept under review.

R E S O L U T I O N

The Executive Committee of the International  
Transport Workers' Federation;

Meeting in London from 7 to 9 January 1957;

Having heard a report on the I.L.O. Ad Hoc Meeting  
on Civil Aviation held in Geneva from 26 November to  
5 December 1956, and having learned of the negative  
nature of that meeting;

Protests emphatically against the attitude of the  
Employers' Group which, throughout the ten-day pro-  
ceedings, systematically sabotaged all attempts by  
the workers' representatives to promote free and  
frank discussion of the many urgent problems affecting  
the social conditions of civil aviation employees;  
Wholeheartedly condemns this policy adopted by the  
employers which, if allowed to pass unchallenged  
would undermine the principles and nullify the purposes  
of the International Labour Organization;

Expresses astonishment that employers in the civil  
aviation industry could display so little comprehension  
of the need for permanent international standards to  
regulate the industry's social problems.

Realising the futility of further I.L.O. bipartite civil  
aviation meetings, the Executive Committee of the I.T.F.  
consequently requests the Governing Body of the I.L.O.:

- (a) to convene at the earliest possible  
opportunity, a conference based on  
representation by workers, employers,  
and governments in order that real  
progress may be achieved;
- (b) to consider the urgent need for  
submitting the specific problem of  
flight crew complement to a Committee  
of Experts; and
- (c) to place the question of the hours of  
work of flight personnel on the agenda  
of an early International Labour  
Conference.

FOR RELEASE: JANUARY 9, 1957

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTWORKERS FEDERATION ELECT DAVE BECK MEMBER  
OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dave Beck, General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the International Transportworkers Federation.

The election took place in London and Mr. Beck was notified Tuesday, January 8, of formal action of the Executive Committee in a letter from Omer Becu, president of the 6,000,000 member world organization of transport trade unions. Mr. Beck was invited to attend the remainder of the sessions of the ITF Executive Committee which are being held at the world headquarters of the organization this week.

Approval of the enlargement of the Executive Committee was taken Monday at the opening session of the group in London. The additions include new representatives from the Asian, Latin American and North American continents. The decision stems from an amendment to the ITF constitution passed by the 24th biennial congress of the organization in Vienna, Austria, last July.

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This action empowered the Executive Committee to add four additional members in order to widen the scope of ITF membership. Mr. Beck was named from the North American continent. The union he heads, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, pays a per capita tax to the ITF on 500,000 members.

The ITF is an organization of 6,000,000 members with 165 affiliated organizations in 55 countries. The organization was founded in London in 1896 and includes sections on railwaysmen, road transport workers, inland waterway workers, dockers, seafarers, fishermen and civil aviation workers. Omer Becu is president and H. John is general secretary.

Foreign affairs have claimed a major share of Mr. Beck's attention since he became general president of the Teamsters in December 1952. He has made several trips abroad since becoming president and has been active in participating in activities affecting international cooperation by American trade unions.

Mr. Beck, in addition to heading the Teamsters, is a vice president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

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Letter from Mr. Becu to Mr. Beck. Jan. 8.

I have the greatest pleasure in informing you that in our meeting yesterday, you were elected to a member of the ITF Executive Committee. At the same time I express the hope that you will be able to attend the remainder of the present meetings which are taking place in the Board Room of the ITF headquarters. Etc., etc.

Press Release, 1/8

At the opening session of the three day meeting in London, the Executive Committee of the 6,000,000 member ITF, approved the enlargement of the Committee by three additional members representing the Asian, Latin American and North American continents. The decision stems from an amendment to the ITF by the annual congress in Vienna last July. This empowered the members of the committee to add thereto four additional members in an effort ~~that the world wide~~ to widen connections of the ITF membership. For the north American continent Dave Beck of the United States. Mr. Beck is GP of the Road Transport and Allied Workers. Mr. Beck is also VP of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. The nomination for the fourth member was deferred.

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■ Transport Workers'  
■ Federation

**Elects Beck**

Seattle labor leader Dave Beck was elected Tuesday to the executive committee of the International Transport Workers Federation.

Upon notification of his election, Beck, who is general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, boarded a plane at New York to attend remaining sessions of the Federation's executive committee in London.

The Transport Workers Federation claims 6 million members in 33 countries. The Teamsters pay per-capita tax to the Federation on half a million of their 1,400,000 members.

Beck's election reflects interest he has shown in international labor activities since he took over leadership of the Teamsters in 1942.

**BECK ON COMMITTEE —**  
LONDON, Jan. 8. — (AP) — The 6,000,000-member International Transport Workers' Federation has enlarged its executive committee by adding representatives from Asia, Latin America and North America.

An announcement today said the new members are J. D. Randeri of India; Syndulpho de Azevedo Pequeno of Brazil and Dave Beck of the United States, president of the Teamsters' Union.

The executive committee is meeting here.



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7th January, 1957.

PRESS STATEMENT

At the opening session of its three-day meeting in London this morning, the Executive Committee of the six-million strong International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) approved the enlargement of the Committee by three additional members representing the Asian, Latin American, and North American Continents, respectively. The decision stems from an amendment to the ITF's Constitution approved by the Twenty-Fourth Biennial Congress of the Federation when it met in Vienna in July last. This empowered the members of the Executive Committee elected by the Congress to add up to four additional members in order that the Committee should better reflect the world-wide character of the ITF's membership. Up to the present, the Executive Committee - which is the Federation's principal policy-making body between Congresses - has consisted of ten members and has been largely European in composition.

The new members of the Committee are as follows:

For the Asian Region, Mr. J.D. Randeri of India. Mr. Randeri, well known in Indian seafarers' circles, is General Secretary of the ITF-affiliated Maritime Union of India, which represents masters, navigating, engineer, and radio officers serving in the country's merchant marine.

For the Latin American Region, Mr. Syndulpho de Azavedo Pequeno of Brazil. Mr. Pequeno is President of the ITF-affiliated Brazilian National Confederation of Land Transport Workers, which groups the country's railway, road transport, and passenger transport workers. He is also a Workers' Member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization.

For the North American Region, Mr. David Beck of the United States. Mr. Beck is the General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters of America, representing road transport and allied workers in the United States. Mr. Beck is also a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO and a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

A decision on the nomination of a fourth member to represent the African region was deferred by the Executive Committee in order to enable the General Secretary, Mr. Omer Bocu, to have personal discussions on this matter with African affiliated organizations when he visits the Continent later this month to attend the first African Regional Conference organized by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

*All communications to be addressed to the General Secretary*



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Desire very much if elected to meet with my associates in London. Advise if election will be held at opening of or later in session. If you feel certain of my election I will make immediate arrangements to attend. January schedule here very heavy with AFL-CIO Executive Council, my own Board and Building Trades. Appreciate immediate advice. New Year regards and good wishes.

Dave Beck

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20th November, 1956.

Mr. Dave Beck,  
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Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America,  
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Dave,

As mentioned in my cable, your letter of 14th November reached me only yesterday. I have just received your cable agreeing to my suggestion that you, Yates, and myself should meet in London on 1st December. The reason for my changing the venue of our meeting is that I, too, find it desirable that Yates should be present at our talk, although this means that I shall have to travel from Geneva to London on 30th November and return to Geneva on 2nd December.

I want to point out to you that the contents of my letter of 8th November had not been discussed with nor shown to Yates. I wrote you that letter on my own initiative since I felt it was my duty to convey to you what had transpired from my talks with members of the I.T.F. Executive Committee.

This does not mean, however, that Yates or I have in any way changed our minds since the conversations we had in London. In fact, during the discussion I had yesterday with our friend Yates, he underlined that more than ever he intended to take the firm stand he mentioned during our talks. The suggestion made in my letter of 8th November was meant to avoid on the one hand Yates having to take such a stand and, on the other hand, to try and make it easier for the members of the Executive Committee to arrive at a unanimous decision.

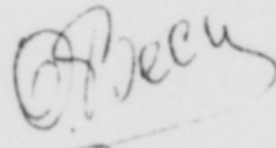
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I will stop for now since all the rest can be discussed when we meet. As mentioned in my previous letter, the next meeting of the I.T.F. Executive Committee will be held from 7th to 9th January 1957.

Kindly let me know whether you wish us to book a room for you in London and, if so, at what hotel and from which date since I am not sure whether you will be arriving on 29th or 30th November.

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary.



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December 27th 1956.

PLEASE QUOTE OUR REF. IN YOUR REPLY

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Mr. Dave Beck,  
General President,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters of America,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Dave,

Further to my cable of December 27th, attached herewith is the Agenda for the January meeting of the Executive.

You will observe Item 5, the Executive may reach that point on the first day of the meeting. After Election, if you were in London, I have no doubts whatsoever that you would be invited and welcomed to the remainder of the meetings.

Kind regards,

Yours fraternally,

*Tom Fairclough*

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PLEASE QUOTE OUR REF. IN YOUR REPLY

TY/VEW

19th November 1956.

Mr. Dave Beck,  
552 Denny Way,  
Seattle 9,  
Washington.

P E R S O N A L

Dear Dave,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of the 14th instant addressed to Omer Becu.

As a matter of fact I have again discussed this matter with him this morning, and as far as I am concerned, the position is exactly the same as it was when we discussed it in Vienna. The Executive Council meets in London on January 7th, 8th and 9th, and I have set aside these dates in order to be present throughout the whole proceedings.

I don't think there can be any doubt about the outcome concerning your nomination. Nevertheless, if you feel it necessary to come to London at the end of this month to discuss it further, you may be assured I shall be only too happy to make certain I am in town whilst you are here.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Tom Paken*

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Beck May  
Visit Hungary  
And Egypt

Dave Beck, president of the International Teamsters Union, said in Seattle Wednesday that he has been asked to visit Hungary and Egypt to observe and make reports on conditions in both areas for the guidance of the International Transport Workers Federation. The federation maintains offices at Brussels and London. The International Teamsters Union of the United States and Canada is a member and pays dues on a per capita basis. Beck said his union is one of the largest contributors to the federation's financial support.

BECK SAID he had been approached unofficially as to whether he would undertake such a mission and has accepted. He is now awaiting, he said, an official invitation from Omar Deen, the federation's secretary-treasurer. That invitation, he assumed, will materialize when and if the federation is given assurance that Hungary and Egypt will admit Beck.

Beck said he would spend about two weeks in Europe and would go there alone. Whether he would be accompanied into Egypt and Hungary by other federation officials has not yet been decided, he said.

Beck said he would be asked to recommend whether the federation should give its financial support to transport workers in the two areas.

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Second Transcription for  
Mr. Beck

November 14, 1956

Mr. O. Becu  
Maritime House  
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London, S. W. 4

Dear Omar:

I wired you upon receipt of your letter under date of November 8th advising that in my judgment the subject matter should be handled by my talking with you personally in London or some other European city, preferably where Yates, you and I could discuss the entire subject matter.

Your letter is very definitely in contradiction to what I understood was definite assurance arrived at before and after the last conference. In my opinion it contradicts the position that Yates took as it would apply to himself if the commitment were not carried out by the board as he transmitted it to me. I, of course, do not know what has transpired in the interval in which we talked and if any changing situation has developed as it relates thereto. I do know that we went into the subject matter outlined in your letter and it was distinctly agreed that I would pay tax to the International Transport Federation Workers on a membership of 500,000, contingent upon being elected to the board, so our International Union would retain its prestige in concert with its membership and importance in the transportation industry as we are a member of the executive council of the AFL-CIO and the building trades national affiliation.

I, of course, do not reach agreements and not expect to carry them out. I labored under the impression the subject matter was definitely disposed of on my assurance given to you and Yates at Vienna and your understanding conveyed to me. To be very frank about it I was sincerely disappointed that the board did not act shortly after the Vienna conference because my understanding was that they would do so and I am positive Yates and you were of the same opinion. In fact Yates expressed great displeasure to me that it did not occur and stated that if he had any thought that they were not going to do so, he would not have failed to attend the board meeting. In my judgment this would have been a preferential position and we would have been paying on the 500,000 membership immediately upon election to the board. I went into it very carefully with Yates and I am sure I did with you in London when we met. It would be embarrassing were I to up the per capita tax payment to 500,000 and then be in the position of having to rescind the action.



Mr. O. Becu  
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November 14, 1956

You do not state in your letter when the board meets, but I am under the impression that it is January 26th or thereabouts. I do not under any conditions want to be maneuvered into the position of increasing our tax to 500,000 members and then find that we are not a board member. I have no objections whatsoever to making the tax effective January 1, 1957, other than outlined above. I therefore prefer to come over to Europe and discuss the subject matter with you and Yates personally, if possible, and if Yates is not available to go into it with you. This, in my opinion, is of serious enough importance to justify both the time and expense incidental thereto.

I am desirous that our International organization take a continuing, leading part in the work of the International Transport Workers Federation. I am convinced that the disturbed condition of the world makes it more than ever necessary for the large key transport unions of the world to give economic and financial assistance to problems that are going to confront us across the world for many years to come. I cannot under any conditions in our affiliations with other groups fail to recognize that due to the tremendous membership of our International Union we must be on executive councils and boards so we take a distinctive part in the formulation of policy.

I have nothing but kind thoughts of you, Yates and many of your associates whom I have met. I want to be frank and honest with you as you have been with me and it is for that reason that I desire to get the thing straightened out now as a finality. It may be that before this letter reaches you that you will have replied to my wire sent today upon receipt of which, if favorable, I would make immediate arrangements to meet you in Europe. This letter gives you more in detail my thinking but it is definitely a repetition of oral discussion that I had with you and Yates over the past two years.

Warmest best personal wishes.

Faternally yours,

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8 November 1956

Mr. Dave Beck,  
General President,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters,  
Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers  
of America,  
25, Louisiana Avenue, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 1, D.C.

Private and Confidential

Dear Brother Beck,

As the date of our next Executive Committee meeting is approaching (7-9 January), I have been having talks with some of the members on the question of the regional members who are to be added to the Committee.

After these talks I have a strong feeling, amounting almost to a certainty, that there would be general agreement to elect you to the Executive Committee as a regional member representing Northern America provided that your International Brotherhood were affiliated with the ITF on a membership more in keeping with its numerical strength.

I am writing to you strictly in a personal capacity, as I am convinced that closer contact and cooperation with your organization is of tremendous importance to transport workers all over the world. I have to recognize, however, that there is a psychological problem to be taken into account, a problem which affects the light in which the circumstances of your election would appear, not only to the members of the Executive Committee, but to all transport workers affiliated with the ITF in the different countries and parts of the world.

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Mr. Dave Beck, Washington 1, D.C. -- 8 November 1956

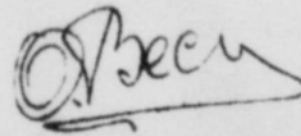
I am sure that you will not take it amiss or misunderstand if I am as frank with you on this matter as I have always been on all others in the past. If your organization were to affiliate a substantial part of its membership to the ITF after your election to the Executive Committee, it would be difficult to refute any suggestion that you had, to use the language which might be employed, bought your seat. Once this had happened, nothing we could say in the future could disprove the suggestion. What I fear is that this might vitiate the good relationship which is the object of all concerned.

On the other hand, if your organization effected a substantial affiliation before the Executive Committee meeting, the position would be quite different. As I have said already, I am sure that the Executive Committee would elect you to be one of the members. That is why I strongly urge you to consider whether you could not affiliate your organization on a membership of, say, five or six hundred thousand with effect from 1 January 1957. If a letter from you in such terms could be laid before the next Executive Committee meeting it would break the vicious circle in which we find ourselves. It would make it so much easier for me, as the General Secretary, and for Tom Yatea, the Chairman of the Management Committee of the ITF, to propose your nomination. I am sure that all the other members of the Committee would be delighted too.

Honesty compels me to add that, of course, I cannot give you an absolute undertaking that things will turn out as I expect. I repeat, however, that I feel as sure as I possibly can. To me it is unthinkable that the Committee would not be as anxious as I am to give your organization representation consistent with its importance and position in the ITF. After all, if things did not turn out satisfactorily, there would be nothing to prevent your organization from reconsidering the size of its affiliation subsequently, convinced though I am that it would never have cause to do so.

Trusting that I have succeeded in conveying these remarks in the spirit in which they are intended, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary

Executive Committee of the I.T.F.  
Meeting from 7 to 9 January 1956 in London

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2. Report on activities July-November 1956
3. Provisional financial statement 1956 and budget for 1957
4. Applications for affiliation:
  - (a) American Radio Association
  - (b) Irish Pilots' and Marine Officers' Association
  - (c) Panhellenic Marine Engineers' Union
  - (d) River and Maritime Workers' Federation, Colombia
  - (e) Railway African Union, Uganda
  - (f) Transport and Allied Workers' Union, Tanganyika
  - (g) Bus Drivers' and Conductors' Union, Mauritius
  - (h) Dar-es-Salaam Dock Workers' Union, Tanganyika
  - (i) Malay Seamen's Union, Penang
  - (j) Dock Mazdoor Union, Calcutta
  - (k) British Guiana Seafarers' Union
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11. Requests for assistance:
  - (a) Rhodesia Railway African Workers' Union
  - (b) Grenada Seamen and Waterfront Workers' Union
  - (c) Italian Seafarers' Federation
  - (d) Mauritius Taxi Owners' Association
12. Any other business